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FUNCTIONING OF LABOUR DEPARTMENT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a demand to improve the functioning of labour department as reported in the `Hindu` New Delhi dated October 19, 2004;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) whether any preparation has been made to have a session of the Indian Labour Conference; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) and (b) : The news item appearing in the `Hindu` on 19th October 2004 relates to overall improvement in the functioning of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, especially the consultative process. Subsequently, the meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry and the 40th Session of Standing Labour Committee (SLC) were held on 9th November, 2004 and 29th November, 2004 respectively.

(c) and (d) : As recommended by the SLC, the following items have been included in the agenda for the next (40th) Session of Indian Labour Conference scheduled to be held on 29-30 December, 2004:-

i) Social Security for unorganised sector Workers including agriculture sector workers covering their service conditions, social security and other benefits; and

ii) Amendment of Labour Laws.

The concerned organizations have been requested to send the nomination of their Delegates and Advisers, who will attend the Conference.